with under Rule 11 of the Centre Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944, according to which a Government Servant is eligible for treatment abroad on the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Medical Experts set up for the purpose under the said Rules The scale of expenditure and the eligibility for treatment for which a Govt. Servant or a member of his family shall be entitled, shall be identical to the scale of expenditure and the eligibility of an official of the Indian Foreign Service of the corresponding grade in the Ministry of External Affairs under any Assisted Medical Attendance Scheme for the time being in force.

(c) and (d) Since recognition of private hospitals with latest technology have taken place only since 1996-97, under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944, it is too early to assess its impact.

Opening of a CGHS Dispensary in Vikaspuri

972. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no CGHS dispensary in Vikaspuri and a large number beneficiaries of that area have been attached with Dispensary No. 61 in Janakpuri;

(b) whether Government propose to open a CGHS dispensary in Vikaspuri; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of CGHS beneficiaries/card holders attached with Dispensary No. 61 in Janakpuri; and

(d) whether the number of card holders at this dispensary is more than what is prescribed as per the rules/ orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Residents of Vikaspuri are covered by the nearest CGHS Dispensary at Janakpuri for availing CGHS facilities.

Depending on the feasibility, requirements, availability of resources etc. and subject to fulfilment of CGHS norms, the CGHS network is being expanded gradually. However, it is not possible to open a dispensary for each cluster of CGHS beneficiaries.

(c) The total number of card holders/ beneficiaries registered in the CGHS dispensary No. 61 Janakpuri are 11,575/ 48,000 approximately.

(d) Under the prescribed rules/orders, a mimimum number of 2,500 card holders are required to open a new dispensary in a locality covering the area of 4-5 Kms. radius, but there are no fixed norms for maximum number of cards.

औषध परीक्षणशालाओं का बंद होना

973. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में कितनी औषध परीक्षणशालाएं हैं और उनका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश में अनेक औषध परीक्षणशालाएं बंद पड़ी हुई हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार इन्हें पुनः चालू करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी): (क) राज्य/संघराज्य क्षेत्र सरकारों के नियंत्रण में 19 जांच प्रयोगशालाएं हैं जबकि केन्द्रीय सरकार के नियंत्रण में 5 जांच प्रयोगशालाएं हैं।

इन प्रयोगशालाओं की संख्या और ये कहां-कहां स्थित हैं, को दर्शाने वाली जानकारी विवरण में दी गयी है।

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार पटना स्थित राज्य सरकार की जांच प्रयोगशाला पिछले 20 वर्षों से कार्य नहीं कर रही है।

(ग) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार पटना में बिहार राज्य की जांच प्रयोगशाला का भवन भूतल पर हर वर्ष